



Minutes of the
BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Crandall, Marty Milanowski, Larry Fickbohm and Steve Sandstrom

Member Present via TEAMS: Jeremy Oswald

Others Present: Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner, Jake Benson, Patrol Superintendent, Cheri Deragon, Office Manager/Accountant and Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Crandall.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2023.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Milanowski / Fickbohm and carried to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023.

Audit vouchers: Vouchers were audited. A motion by Milanowski / Sandstrom and carried to approve the vouchers as presented totaling \$288,035.94.

Public Comment: Mark Abeles-Allison talked about making the parking lot at Fish Creek on USH 2 a Park & Ride. He stated that there are no Park & Ride locations north of Eau Claire. He would like to have it paved with proper lighting. The parking capacity at this site is about 20 vehicles.

Cable Highway Garage: A motion by Milanowski / Sandstrom and carried to assist in funding of the Cable garage out of the Highway Fund Balance.

County Bridge Aid: A motion by Fickbohm / Sandstrom and carried to fund the Town of Port Wing replacement of two culverts and the two culvert linings for the Town of Washburn.

LRIP Contract: A motion by Milanowski / Fickbohm and carried to approve the WCHA Contract for a Pilot Program for LRIP that shifts administration obligations for the TRIP to the Wisconsin Towns Association and obligations for the MSIP to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. We used 124% of our winter budget on our State Highway Maintenance. State doesn't want us doing any maintenance unless it's for safety.
- B. We have completed all flood repairs on both state and county highways. Meagan in Emergency Management is working on possible relief money for the sites that weren't qualified.
- C. Interviews for Highway Operations Foreman are scheduled for Tuesday, June 13.
- D. We have six summer seasonal staff dedicated to crack sealing operations.
- E. We don't anticipate utilizing the two Seasonal Operators this summer due to state RMA cuts.
- F. 2023 Projects:
 - a. CTH N, CTH A – US63, 7.9 miles – Northwoods began paving on May 23 and are planning to complete within two weeks.
 - b. CTH A, CTH N – Kelly Lake Road, 1.22 miles – Northwoods began paving on May 23 and are planning to complete within two weeks.
 - c. Cable Garage – Had to get a Special Use Permit. Construction will be starting the week of June 20 and will be complete by the end of September.
 - d. CTH H – We are still working at getting a wedge pave and chip seal project. We are hoping to crush the chips in our Ruth Lake Pit to minimize trucking costs.
 - e. Twin Bear Overflow Parking – This was a Forestry project to construct an overflow parking lot on the east side of Hart Lake Road. This has been finished.

Committee Input:

The salt trial using enhanced salt and brine worked well. We would need separate storage facilities for treated versus non-treated salt. The enhanced brine worked good below zero. We are looking into some tank options. Salt will be going up \$10 per ton.

The state did some soil samples at the Whittlesey Creek Bridge.

Rerouting traffic on USH 2, due to an accident, did damage to town roads.

There is support from all three towns for crosswalks along the lake.

Betterments were made on CTH G by the Visitor Center due to the washout.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bob Anderson', is written over a horizontal line.

Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner
Bayfield County Highway Department

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